Executive Order 05-04

State of Montana
Office of the Governor

Executive Order Continuing the Montana Abstinence Education Advisory Council

WHEREAS, federal welfare reform legislation, Public Law 104-193, created a new Section 510 of Title V (Maternal and Child Health Block Grant) of the Social Security Act, establishing a separate program for abstinence education. The Department of Public Health and Human Services applied for and received funds to provide abstinence education in the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Human Services is in partnership with parents, teens, educators and local communities, providing tools to encourage youth to postpone sexual activity until marriage; and

WHEREAS, youth collaboration is an important component to reaching Montana youth with the message of postponing sexual activity until marriage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUDY MARTZ, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority invested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Montana, do hereby continue the Montana Abstinence Education Advisory Council (Council).

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Council is to review program development and advise the Department of Public Health and Human Services, in collaboration with youth representatives as needed, on how to create a supportive environment for abstinence until marriage education throughout Montana.

COMPOSITION:

The Council shall consist of not more than twenty-one members, appointed by the Governor, and representing a wide background from all parts of the state, including not more than four non-voting youth representatives. It is important that youth representatives be available to the Council for consultation and input to help reach the target population and mission.

The names and addresses of members who serve at the pleasure of the Governor are submitted by separate letter to the Secretary of State and the Department of Public Health and Human Services. A chair shall be appointed by the Governor.

The Council is attached to the Human and Community Services Division of the Department of Public Health and Human Services for administrative purposes.

COMPENSATION:

Compensation to Council members shall be as provided by Section 2-15-122(5), MCA.

DURATION:

The Council shall exist for a period of two years from the effective date of this order. This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
SEAL of the State of Montana,
this ___ day of _____, 2004.

JUDY MARTZ, Governor

ATTEST:

BOB BROWN, Secretary of State